

# Faith Community

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## Pastor's Notes

by Pastor Dan Hansen



*... "Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, 'Every Kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.' "*  
Matthew 12:25

**1) On our unity**

**in Christ...**With so many mainline denominations in conflict over sexuality issues today, it is no wonder that Jesus prayed for the "oneness" of the disciples in his "High Priestly Prayer" of John chapter 17. As most of you know, our ELCA Churchwide Assembly Synod will be meeting August 8<sup>th</sup>--14<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, Florida and they will be voting in response to proposals to allow the ordination of non-celibate gays (Lutherans have always allowed the ordination of celibate gays), and the "blessing ceremonies" for same sex unions. One of our new

members, Roger Martinez, will be a voting delegate in Orlando on behalf of our Rocky Mountain and so we ask your prayers for the ELCA during this "testing" time. A couple of members have proposed that we organize a prayer vigil during the assembly and if you would like to be a part of that, please let us know.

I believe that Faith Community has displayed amazing grace and respect towards one another as we've discussed these issues and various view points. Having said that, my sense is that there is considerable consensus here 1) we should always be welcoming of all who gather here to worship and commune and study God's Word--after all, we're all sinners, and 2) that you are counting on Pastor Bruce and me to stand firm for traditional Christian values. Our goal is to simply be faithful to what we believe scripture teaches. Thanks for your love and prayers and encouragement!

**2) On our recent VBS...**Once again our church enjoyed a remarkable week of love & laughter & learning in Jesus' name. In case you missed it, our "Lava Lava Island" theme included 30+ volunteers in addition to 60+ kids. Lots of energy and excitement in the air during those three mornings which included colorful island displays and

costumes and singing and always.....snacks! Many thanks to Nanette and her amazing crew of hard-working volunteers!

**3) On our Workcamp Sunday July 24th...**we celebrated the ministry of our 30 workcamp youth (and their 7 adult sponsors) through songs and stories and PowerPoint pictures. We've had a long and strong history of serving on summer workcamp mission trips and this past June our group served at a workcamp in Red Lake, MN; a community which earlier this year experienced a tragic shooting in their high school. A special thanks to Sililo Wooching who is always the most popular dad in camp(!) for his cheerful, energetic and passionate witness as leader of our group. Once again, we thank God for our church which has been so very supportive of this wonderful outreach ministry, and we thank God for the privilege of sharing the love of Jesus with those who need help and God's healing.

**4) On our building progress...**As you can see, this expansion of our current education wing will include another cupola in the roof, which will allow a generous amount of natural light to flow down into the "garden level" of our expansion. How wonderful it will be to get more education space, a new library, a new choir rehearsal room, a new high school youth room, a new middle school youth room, a new computer lab, several larger multi-purpose rooms, and....possible preschool space. Already we are scrambling to figure out where to fit everyone with Wednesday programming this fall. What amazing grace that we currently believe this (larger) expansion will be around \$800,000 while we anticipated 5 years ago with our "Fulfilling the Vision" Campaign that this (smaller scale) "Phase Two" would be \$750,000!! As you can see each week, we're making quite a bit of progress with our construction! It's an exciting time and we really appreciate everyone's support of prayers and offerings.

**5) On staff additions...**We are excited to have Diane Sell and Dawn Hajdas on board as our new music staff; Diane as "Director of Worship Teams," and Dawn as "Director of choirs." (More about Diane and

Dawn in this newsletter.) Diane comes to us with 13 years experience as a youth director in Minnesota, and 7 years experience as a worship team vocalist. Her position here will start out half-time, which we believe will be a "friendly" fit for her family. Dawn Hajdas is also a new member this year, and she comes with training in vocal instruction, music theory, drama, directing, and dance. Her position will start out at 15 hours as she seeks to develop some children's choirs and musical opportunities, as well as directing our adult choir. We patiently prayed and waited this past year for God to send the right personnel to serve in this area of our ministry, and now we are ready to let them lead!

**6) On worship planning...**As pastor of this church, I have had the unique privilege of visiting almost every one of you in your homes and hearing what it is that drew you to this church. What a "front row" seat I've been given, to receive feedback on our worship and ministry. Increasingly, it is clear to me that as we grow, the "blend" of our worship needs is growing. Consequently, our goal as we plan our worship is to faithfully reflect that "blend" so that everyone, young and old, will be blessed.

*Your Partner in Ministry,  
Pastor Dan*

## OUTREACH

### LET'S FILL OUR EMPTY COAT ROOM

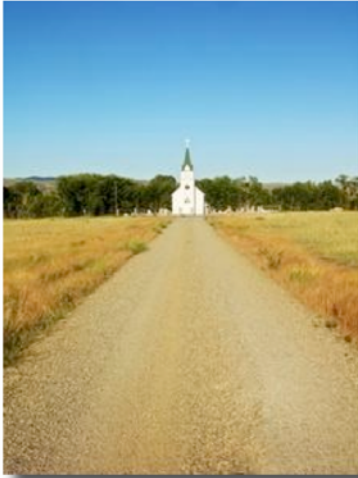
with coats for the OUR center. It's hot now, but all too soon we'll be wishing it still was. Not as much as our rising homeless population, though! During the month of August, all month, we will be collecting good warm clothing for those in need. Bring your out-grown and underused coats, gloves, hats and other warm clothing to help out those in need.



When you go to buy those new winter outfits, why not pick up a pack of new **undies** for the kids at Wingshadow, the only shelter for homeless teens in northern Colorado? We'll be collecting them on **Undie Sunday**, September 18.

# “What’s on tap?”

*Thoughts poured from the spout of  
Kristen Baltrum, Deaconess*



Rollie Martinson is one of the top youth and family ministry gurus of our time. He is professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary and quite literally “wrote the book” for Youth and Family Ministry for the ELCA. He has been doing some great research on congregations who have Exemplary youth ministries in place. On his research tour, he stopped at a little dying church in a rural setting for worship. The Sunday Rollie was there was to be the last Sunday this congregation was going to worship, since the literal foundation of the building was crumbling and the congregation along with it. Then something happened.

When it was time for worship to begin, a grandmother picked up her two year old granddaughter and walked her up to the altar to light the candles. The little girl held the candle lighter and tried her hardest to light the candle. Her grandmother gently guided her hands while the congregation watched with baited breath for what seemed like an eternity. Then, finally, the altar candle lit, the child smiled ear to ear, the congregation applauded and worship began.

So it is with faith. Faith is not something that you can pick up off the shelf at the grocery store, or a christian bookstore for that matter. Sure, the resources are there, but faith is a gift that comes only from our great and awesome God, and we pass it down from generation to generation. It is part of what we need to do as God’s “grown-ups.” We need to be picking up the children in our midst and helping them to light the candles of their faith. We need to guide them along the way, teaching them and loving them.

The candle lighting moment made the difference for that congregation. That afternoon a meeting was called and they decided that the congregation could not close. It was too important for the children in that time and place. The grandmother said to Rollie, “This congregation needs to stay alive to walk with my granddaughter through her baptismal waters.” They committed to the congregation and its building and now it is a growing and thriving worshipping community. Young people are being encouraged and lifted up and grown-ups are busying themselves with passing on the faith. All because of a child, a grandmother, and a candle. ~



Faith is looking for an interested person to serve as Ambassador to Habitat for Humanity. Their new model for communications with churches is very user friendly! These are some awesome people, with hearts for providing new homes for some very deserving people. Please contact Marcie Mason if you might be interested in serving in this area. Phone: (303) 772-1730 or [mlmason@mindspring.com](mailto:mlmason@mindspring.com)







# VIA DE CRISTO

## C O L O R A D O



"... But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..."

*Ephesians 4:7, 11-12*

Via de Cristo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called a small group of potential leaders; He trained them by word and example and inspired them with a vision; He linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to Him.

Via de Cristo is a renewal movement of the church patterned on Jesus' example. Its purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders. The leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church environment. Leadership, in Via de Cristo, does not mean power over others, but influence on others; all of us need to be aware that we can exert a *positive* influence on those around us.

## What is Via de Cristo?

Literally meaning "way of Christ", Via de Cristo is a short course in Christianity that is designed to provide all Christians with a significant foundation for individual and community spiritual growth. Grace and Growth are combined in an exciting and energetic way. At the Via de Cristo the participants become increasingly aware that they are a part of a community abounding in God's grace. The three days are a triple encounter: with Christ; with Christian brothers and sisters; and with a Christian community.

## History of Via de Cristo

Via de Cristo originated as the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement which began in Spain in 1948 and moved to America in the late 50's. The first Lutheran-sponsored Cursillos (the early name for Via de Cristo) were held in Miami, Florida in 1971. In addition to

the Roman Catholic and Lutheran movements there are similar expressions in the Methodist, Reformed, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christian churches. Today, more than 2 million Christians in 50 nations have attended a "Cursillo" weekend.

## Format of The Weekend

The Via de Cristo weekend is an experience in Christian sharing and living. During the 72-hours, fourteen talks will be presented: Five talks are given by *Lutheran pastors* and nine by lay people. A final talk is given on sponsorship by the lay director. The weekend also includes chapel each morning, communion, small group discussions, sharing, music, singing, laughter, and prayer. The fourteen talks are discussed by the participants and will include a Christian perspective on the following subjects:

- Ideal
- Grace
- Lay People in the Church
- Importance of Study
- A Day in the Life of a Christian
- Apostolic Action
- Obstacles to a Life in Grace
- Christian Actions in the Community

Each of the talks deals with living one's life in God's grace.

## Who Goes To Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo is not designed to convert anyone to Christianity. It is meant for those who are already faithful and committed to Christ and His church. Once again, the goal of Via de Cristo is to encourage Christians in their lives of faith and increase their awareness of grace and service to the Church and the world. During a Via de Cristo weekend, those who have previously attended are called "The Team", and it is their responsibility to serve you in every possible way.

## When is Via de Cristo Held?

Weekends in the Colorado movement are generally held three times per year. Men's and Women's weekends are held in March and November, and

a Co-ed weekend is held during June or July.

## How Can I Attend Via de Cristo?

Contact the church office, or other members of FCLC who have attended, i.e. Pastor Dan & Cindy, Ed & Diane Broestl, Harlan & Janelle Olson, Kirk Olson, Shea Baker, Wayne & Kaydene Hubert, Ella Lien, Margaret Greene, Monte & Lorna Ott, and Jeanette Wittmer to name a few. In total, more than 40+ members from FCLC have attended a VdC weekend.

## What Happens After The Weekend?

The weekend is only a beginning. What you learn and share during the weekend will hopefully be taken back and put into practice in your local congregation and community. You will be supported by many others who have attended a Via de Cristo before or with you. Small groups meet regularly (usually weekly) to affirm one another and to share the Christian life of Grace. These activities inspire, challenge, and encourage Christian action in homes, churches, and communities.

## How Much Does The Weekend Cost?

It is our policy to not charge pilgrims (you) for the weekend. It is a gift from God.

## May I Go with a Spouse or Friend?

Yes, we strongly recommend that spouses and friends attend a first Via de Cristo weekend together. Marriages and friendships can be strengthened and deepened by the Via de Cristo experience. Fall and Spring Colorado weekends are split into all men and all women weekends, with the men going first. Since 2001, there have been co-ed weekends in the summer. Spouses and friends are also encouraged to serve on teams together.

## In Summary

Not everyone who attends a Via de Cristo weekend will receive the same benefit; but all who attend will be blessed, and most will be strengthened in their desire to be a blessing in their churches and Christian communities. [www.ColoradoVdC.org](http://www.ColoradoVdC.org)

# Come One Come All... To the FCLC Annual Picnic!!

## Please mark your calendars NOW for the Church Picnic...

**AUGUST 21ST 4:00-7:00 PM @ Hover Acres Park (1361 Charles Dr)**

The cost is FREE!!

Free Food, Free Fun, Free conversation!!

Fellowship will be providing all the food & drinks, all you need to bring are your blankets, chairs, & some shade!!

There will be games for ALL ages to participate in. There will be some wild & crazy games for the kids and great stuff like volleyball, horseshoes, tennis (bring your own rackets & balls), maybe even a kickball game for the adults!!

Please sign up on the board in the Narthex by August 17th!!

You won't want to miss this one!!

Any questions please contact Shannon Holstine 303-682-1182

OR Kaydene Hubert 303-651-9479



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

### Adult "All Church" Progressive Dinner

Mark your calendars now for our 1st Annual Progressive Dinner Night! It will be held Saturday, September 24. Appetizers in the homes of members will begin @ 4:00 p.m. We will end up for dessert and entertainment at the church! Look for details to come in the August and September bulletins. Child care will be provided by our youth group members. This is a great way to get to know your church community and a wonderful opportunity to build upon "friendships" that already exist. Any questions contact Diane Sell @ 303-828-4435 or Kathy Praska @ 303-682-3155.





# FCLC Christian Education

## Vacation Bible School, 2005

What a wonderful, Bible-learning experience we had during FCLC's LavaLava Island Vacation Bible School! We had 65 kids enrolled and 32 (Yes, that's right, 32!) completely capable adult and teen helpers! We discovered more about Jesus' Temptation in the Wilderness, Jesus' Disciples-their job and ours!, and Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. The children memorized some new Bible verses, enjoyed singing some fun songs, watched a volcano erupt, learned how to pass bananas around a circle with their feet, made Kool-aid into a really neat craft and tasted absolutely yummy snacks! They also each went home with their very own LavaLava Island Staff t-shirt and hat--thanks to Cindy Hansen and Group Publishing! Thank you to the WooChing family for sharing their Samoan treasures with us during VBS. . .including the beautiful Lava Lavas! A tremendous "Thank You" goes to each of the group leaders, station leaders, teen helpers and to the children for this year's awesome VBS experience!



## Other Things We Learned in VBS

**VBS Station Leader: If you had the power to do anything, what would you do?**

**Owen:** "Definitely go back and see the dinosaurs!"

**Graycee:** "I would be able to pull a marble out of my head!"



**VBS Station Leader: If you were going to be in the wilderness for 40 days, what would you need?**

**Lincoln:** "A whole suitcase of clothes--I wouldn't want to get icky!"

**Daniel:** An RV!



When the children learned that they would be receiving **ADULT XL** sized LavaLava VBS "Staff" t-shirts, Nick said, "You know, even when my shirt **finally** fits, I'll still need it to wear because I'll still be telling people about Jesus!"

## Christian Education Planning Meeting for ALL Volunteers!

**Saturday, August 27**

**10:00 am at church**

Would you like to be a part of the Christian Education team, this school year? Now is the time to jump in and give it a try! All Christian Education Volunteers, for all ages, will be meeting on Saturday, August 27, 10-11 am, at church. Volunteers will receive curriculum, finalize planning for Rally Sunday (September 11) and obtain the Christian Education calendar for the year. Contact Nanette Goings or Rhea Hoops for more information, or to volunteer.

## Men's Fraternity

### The Quest for Authentic Manhood

Beginning Saturday mornings in September!

Imagine the transforming power of men coming together within church and community to examine their lives and take the courageous steps necessary to embrace authentic manhood on a journey to become who God intends them to be! Through this powerful series, men learn to reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously, and expect God's greater reward. Facilitated by Jeff Riemenschneider. Contact Nanette by September 1, to order a workbook (\$10). [nanette@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:nanette@faithcommunitylutheran.org)



## Dates to Remember

**August 6, 13, 20, 27, 8:30-9:30 am**

Fit Ball/Bible Study- Roll on in, anytime!

**August 21, 6-7:30 pm**

Great Dates Couples' Bible Study

**August 22, 7-8:30 pm**

Weavers of the Cloth Craft group and Devotions

**August 27, 10-11 am**

Christian Education Planning Meeting-We need YOU!

**August 28, 6-7:30 pm**

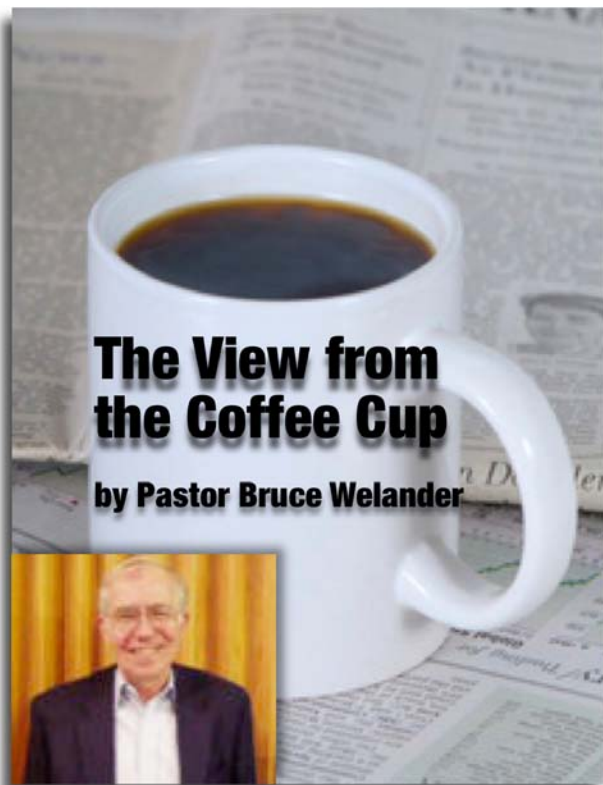
P.O.T.s (Parents Of TeenS) Bible Study

**August 31, 6-7 pm**

Confirmation Orientation for all Middle Schoolers AND Parents

**Notice: H.I.P.S.** (Healthy Inspired Physical Strength) will be only available through the month of August in Room 103. August is the month to get sweatin' and lose those few extra pounds!





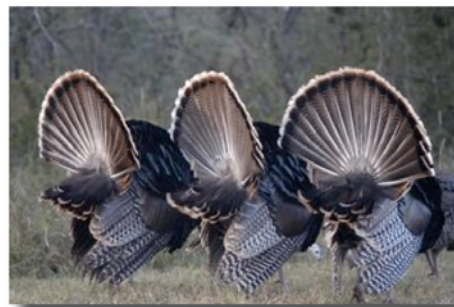
Recently I have been looking at some texts from the Book of Revelation, particularly in the part that deals with letters to seven churches, all located in what today is western Turkey (Rev 2-3). As I did so, I realized once again how grateful I am that I was able to travel to all seven of those Biblical sites when I visited Turkey several years ago.

What a difference that has made for me! For instance, the city called Pergamum (Rev 2:12-17) is not just another name in a strange book. I still vividly recall celebrating communion there in a Greek-style theater on a high hill-side... a truly spectacular setting for a Sunday worship service. Or when I see the word "Ephesus" I think not just of words in Revelation 2:1-7 and in St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. I also remember wandering through the city's streets and seeing its ancient facades and exploring an old theater there that is prominent in Acts 19.

I could go on and on, but what I'm getting at is this: Next spring (April 18 – May 3) Pastor Dan and I, and Turkey-veteran Doug Johnson will be leading a group to this fascinating and beautiful country. We'll be visiting most of the

same places that have immeasurably enriched my Bible reading for almost twenty years now. You are invited to join us. If you would like to explore this possibility, or if you would just like to see a program that I have developed on Biblical and historical sites in Turkey, you are invited to an hour of "Talking Turkey" at church on Sunday afternoon, July 31, at 4 p.m. I'd love to be able to talk Turkey with you and to share some of the discoveries and fun that this kind of travel can bring.

Yours "Turkily",  
Pastor Bruce Welander



## MORE OUTREACH

**RELAY FOR LIFE** The FCLC team did a fantastic job and we had lots of fun on the night of the event. Thank you to all those who participated and those who gave such generous donations. A grand total of \$750.00 was raised by the Faith Community Lutheran Church Relay Team, an amazing sum that will be put forth for even a more fantastic cause; namely cancer research. To view this year's team picture, log on to [www.imageevent.com/sippphoto](http://www.imageevent.com/sippphoto) and scroll down to "Events". Thanks again to all involved in making this spectacular event such a success. Sarah Droege





# Council Minutes June 14, 2005

## Attendees:

### Officers:

Jill Krantz, Vice President  
Lisa Smith, Secretary  
John Meier, Treasurer

### Ministries:

Rhea Hoops, Education  
Marcie Mason, Outreach  
Roger Olsen, Stewardship  
Gary Erickson, Worship & Music  
Jesse Demmel, Youth

### Staff:

Pastor Dan Hansen



**Devotions/Prayer:** Pastor Dan— Pastor Dan— Matthew 10:24-39

**Secretary's Report Approval:** Pastor Dan moved to approve the minutes. Roger seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The small surplus will go down over the summer and back up in the fall. The Building Fund is expected to increase as pledges come in. Lisa moved to approve the treasurer's report. Jesse seconded. Unanimously approved.

## Brief Update from Each Ministry:

### Education—Rhea.

Hosted lunch for the Marriage Ministries Alliance

Weavers of the Cloth are selling note cards - \$6.00 for 12 cards, ½ of the money goes to Outreach

Sunday School for all ages has started, which includes post high school and college, Knee Sitters Club and Josiah's kids story time.

HIPS started and is well accepted, 16 attended 1<sup>st</sup> session.

Children's church is staffed through the summer  
VBS registration has begun.

### Fellowship—Lisa

Clean-up day a success.

Still working on the golf/swim day July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Picnic set for August 21<sup>st</sup>

### Outreach—Marcie

Baby bottles for Life Choice ends June 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Still deciding on a work day for Habitat of Humanity.

July 14-16 Gospel Bluegrass in Loveland

Planning a coat drive at the end of summer.  
October will be the temple talks on domestic violence which is the awareness month for domestic violence.

### Pastoral Care—Sally

- No report

### Property—Mike

No report

### Stewardship—Roger.

Temple talks for Stewardship will be in October.

We will receive \$10,000 next week for the Hans Hansen place as part of the interest payment that is due.

### Worship & Music—Gary

Filled the positions – Director of Choir is Diane Hajdas and Director of Worship Teams is Diane Sell.

Will be using the same sets of music for the summer for each team.

The outside summer services are going well.  
The portable sound system is up and running.

### Youth—Jesse.

30 youth and 6 adults at the Work Camp.

Youth Rally on July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Gospel Grass bands will be camping here at the church and will playing that evening for the youth.

July 7<sup>th</sup> is a Senior High trip to Elitch's from 2-10pm

Registrations are due in September for the National Gathering. Need more adult volunteers for this event. Ashley will be taking over this project for Kris.

\$3400.00 was raised by the Lyons High School chapter for Habitat for Humanity. They used our fellowship hall, which was a post graduation party.



### New Business:

Financing for the new addition was decided. Two options were given. The one option taken is for a lower interest rate. As expenses come in there will be a draw against the loan. As pledges come in, they will go towards paying off the loan. The loan is setup for 5 years. It is costing us less than expected.

The Choir Director position will be on a 10 month time frame. Starts in August, however Diane will begin in July. The Choir Director will also be expanding the youth groups in music.

It was recommended to have written instructions available for ushers on using the air conditioning/heating. There were issues at the service on June 12 of it being too cold in the sanctuary.

### Old Business:

Jesse requested an update on the VPU/Screens for the Narthex – need to talk to the Geek Committee as to what would be necessary to set up the screens in the Narthex.

Roger moved to adjourn the meeting and Marcie seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

### Reminders:

Newsletter items must be submitted to Carol by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please remember to take the lead in praying for your respective ministry at our worship services.

Fellowship's golf/swim day July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Church picnic August 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Announcements/Communication items:

None at this time.

### Information:

Council e-mail is [Council@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:Council@faithcommunitylutheran.org)

### DEVOTIONS

AUGUST:

SEPTEMBER:

PROPERTY

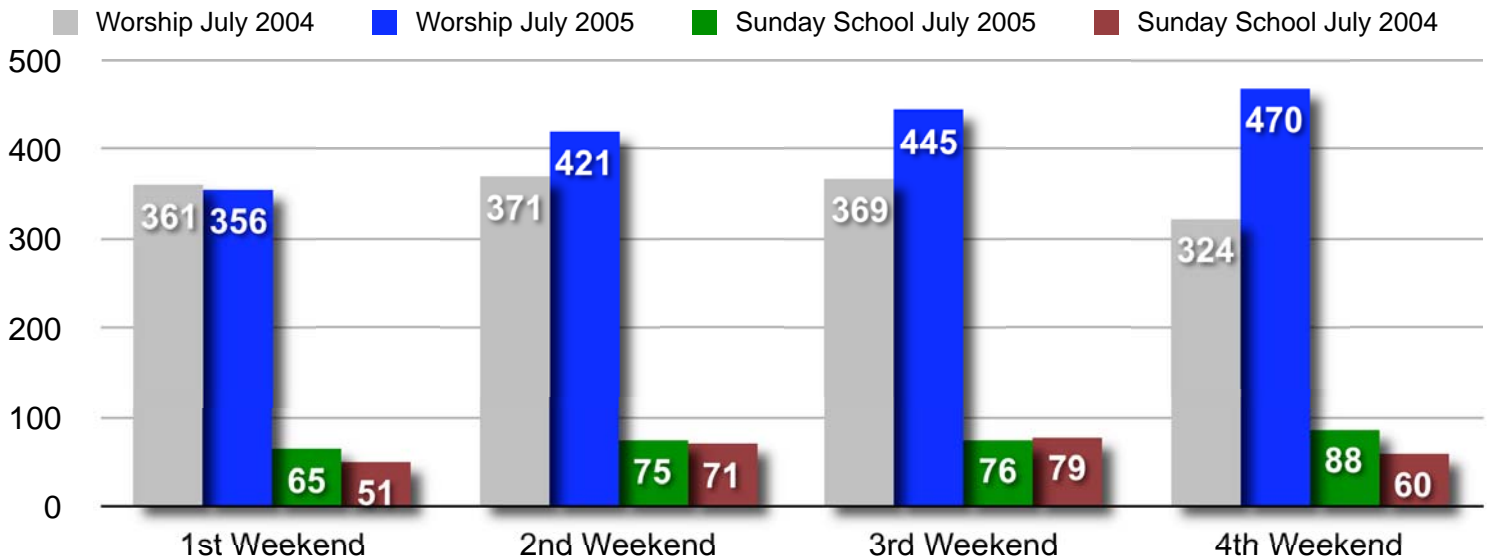
TREASURER

**If you have any questions, contact the council members of Faith Community Lutheran Church:**

### Faith Community Council Members

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Worship & Music:	Larry Konicek, 303-772-0010
Pastoral Care:	Sally Beckner, 303-651-2287
Youth:	Jesse Demmel, 303-776-1920
Property:	Mike Marshall, 970-535-927
Outreach:	Marcie Mason, 303-702-1730 Mike Gwinn, 303-776-9635
Education:	Rhea Hoops, 303-772-2457

### Growing at FCLC - Worship & Sunday School Attendance





# FCLC Birthdays!!

08/01	Connie Backes	970/663-6327	08/17	Brian Miller	303/682-2524
08/01	Logan Bowers	970/535-4844	08/17	Stacy Adams	303/823-0852
08/02	John Petersen	303/776-663	08/18	Nathaniel Moller	303/682-3139
08/02	Kimberly Dukart	303/833-3238	08/18	Jonathan Moller	303/682-3139
08/02	Aaron Wait	303/776-642	08/18	Haakon Irey	970/669-0754
08/02	Sonya Schuppan	970/622-0442	08/19	Mark Flowers	303/776-6787
08/03	Torey Taylor-Goldfarb	303/682-1961	08/19	Paul Olson	303/682-8916
08/03	Aaron Hartman	303/678-1489	08/19	Jill WooChing	303/678-0138
08/03	Brian Palm	303/772-6373	08/19	Ella Lien	303/772-0257
08/03	Dakota Lewis	303/833-4797	08/20	Susie Groshong	303/772-5083
08/04	Sarek Lee	970/535-0305	08/21	Ed Broestl	970/532-0249
08/05	Aaron Foster	303/772-1703	08/21	Julie Olson	720/231-0742
08/06	Chris Holstine	303/682-1182	08/21	Andra Mesch	303/684-0937
08/06	Nick Ott	303/485-6443	08/23	Josephine Vece	303/833-3088
08/08	Erin Gunther	303/772-4255	08/23	Daniel P. Magyar	303/774-0665
08/10	Laura Lewis	303/833-4797	08/24	Heidi Johnson	970/577-0576
08/10	Michael Schaff	303/772-8385	08/24	Tiffany Thorstensen	970/532-3175
08/10	Jonathan Timms	303/651-2982	08/24	Alyssa Erickson	303/772-2750
08/11	Darlene Chilson	303/678-1984	08/25	Tom Lewis	303/833-4797
08/11	Monte Ott	303/485-6443	08/25	Greg Moller	303/682-3139
08/11	Nik Kotula	303/485-5344	08/26	Michael Cantu	303/682-4375
08/11	Scott Smallwood	303/776-2872	08/26	Allsion Whittern	303/678-1705
08/13	Christina WooChing	303/678-0138	08/27	Laurie Dirkes	303/823-5069
08/13	Maria WooChing	303/678-0138	08/27	Kirk Olson	303/404-2145
08/14	Sarah Wormke	720/652-0891	08/27	Brianna Boos	303/772-2457
08/15	Maureen Guy	303/460-1147	08/27	Nic Rozek	303/651-6615
08/15	John Meier	303/870-7639	08/29	Ralph Morgan	303/776-2757
08/15	Nathan Johnson	303/702-1808	08/29	Mike Hoops	303/772-2457
08/16	Leslie Lubovich	303/776-6062	08/29	Gabrielle Musser	303/682-5958
08/16	David Sell	303/828-4435	08/30	Mike Brockman	303/651-9589
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08/17	Gary Grabau	303/530-3570	08/31	Mollie Bonds	303/776-0381

## Happy Anniversary!!

3-Aug	Craig & Sherry Chaney
4-Aug	Jeff & Lori Bladt
4-Aug	Tom & Hilary Lukow
6-Aug	Bill & Renee McDermid
9-Aug	Greg & Susan Moller
9-Aug	Wayne & Kaydene Hubert
10-Aug	Brian & Carol Jordan
12-Aug	Chuck & Annette Carlson
12-Aug	David & Jill Brown
14-Aug	Stan & Sandra Felderman
15-Aug	Trevor & Sherri Platt
17-Aug	Larry & Cindy Palm
18-Aug	John & Mary Timms



18-Aug	Mike & Jill Krantz
19-Aug	Chris & Shannon Holstine
19-Aug	Dale & Renee Goertz
21-Aug	Mike & Wanda Gwinn
23-Aug	Jonathan & Valerie Jones
24-Aug	Matt & Julie Olson
25-Aug	Stacia & Bob Keller
28-Aug	Dick & Gege Young
29-Aug	Gary & Ann Yost
31-Aug	Curt & Tami Musfeldt
31-Aug	Ralph & Beverly Morgan
31-Aug	Wendell & Marsha Tollefson



# NO SNOOZE YOUTH NEWS

**Stuff that is so exciting you won't be able to sleep!**

**1. CRUZANDO** – Do you know what this word means? FIND OUT!

After all, it IS the theme for the ELCA National Youth Gathering coming this summer! You should have already received some mailings on this, but in case you haven't, here's the basics: The community of Christ is coming together in San Antonio, Texas. Lutheran youth and adults are coming from all over the map to be renewed in their faith journey. They are crossing every kind of border to be with friends and neighbors who share the same name—Child of God.

In the company of the Beloved and gathered in San Antonio, youth will learn to see Jesus more clearly, love Jesus more dearly, and follow Jesus more nearly. They will be opened to the many faces of God by listening to the stories of friends who are different from them. They will touch the places where wounds are, and learn that Jesus meets them before they're all fixed up. They will practice telling God's ancient story in new ways and, in so doing, create a future worth wanting.

There will be an informational meeting on August 14, 4:30-6 PM at FCLC. July 5-9 and July 12-16 are the dates of the event, and we have yet to decide for sure which week we are going. If you have a preference you'd like to have us consider, then let Kris Baltrum or Ashleigh Bruns know ASAP! We will be traveling with First Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran, so there are A LOT of details that need working out. Get in on all the information right from the beginning!



- 2. THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH** isn't necessarily the last circus you were at...it is this years Rocky Mountain Synod Sr. High Youth Gathering! This year's event features all kinds of cool things: Dick Hardel and his clowns (way cool, trust me) and The Fitz Family (the most amazing juggling family ever) and the band SPREIRO!!! It is going to be WAY fun. So mark your calendars for November 18-25, 2005. It will be held at the Glorieta Retreat Center in New Mexico, and the synod will be providing bus transportation just like last year! (Can I hear a big "Wahooo!"? Thanks!) Cost is \$150, and scholarships are available.
- 3. SR. HIGH DAY FOR BOULDER CONFERENCE!** August 7, 3-6 PM, location TBA. This is the perfect opportunity for you to check out which of your friends go to what church in the Boulder Conference of the ELCA! We are going to hang out, play some wicked Frisbee, eat some yummie munchies and get excited about sharing a bus with these folks to the Synod and National Gatherings. Sign up with Kris or on the list by the restroom door near the church office.
- 4. "A come-ona Boo-Boo! Get your-a pic-a-nic-a basket!"** Yogi bear might not be there, but you should be! Where? At the FCLC All Church Picnic at the Hover Park on August 21, from 4-7 PM. There will be food, fun, and lots of friends! Sr. High youth will be leading some of the games (since you are such fun people) so make sure to mark your calendar and bring a friend if you'd like!
- 5. YOUTH GROUP ROCKS ON!** Sr. Highers are still getting together every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday nights for all sorts of crazy stuff. A little bit of food, a little bit of rowdiness, a little bit of Bible study, and a whole lot of fun. This month's dates are August 14 and 28, both from 6:00-7:30. Come and bring your friends!
- 6. DIVING DEEP!** This is our "serious" Bible study for Sr. High youth. If you'd like to walk a little closer to Jesus and learn how to build your spiritual muscle, then this Bible Study is for you. We are talking about the Spiritual Disciplines that help bulk up our faith. Like any sport, you need to train. To walk with Jesus, we need to train as well. This is the way to do it. Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday nights from 7-8 PM in the Fireside room at FCLC. This months dates are August 3 and 17.

**CRUZANDO**  
Journey with Jesus

**7. GET YOUR FORMS IN!** A mailing went out the beginning of this summer that had emergency information forms and permission forms for traveling and having your picture on the church website. Please take a minute to fill them out and turn them back into me as soon as you can! Thanks! Kris.

## Diane Sell: NEW Director of Worship Teams

## Dawn Hajdas: NEW Director of Adult and Youth Choirs



Diane Sell comes to us from Erie. She and her Family moved from Maplewood MN to CO in June of 2004. Diane's husband David accepted a position in finance for Exemplar's Good Samaritan Medical Center located in Lafayette. Diane and David have three boys. JD is 12, Michael is 9 and Lukas is 5. All boys will be attending Erie Schools in August. Diane and her family began attending Faith Community last year on a "tip" from Kathy Praska's parents in MN. Diane and Pastor Dan began corresponding via email even before their move in June.

Diane comes to us with 20 years of Church Ministry experience. Her educational background includes Musical Performance and Youth and Family Ministry. She has served on 4 different church staffs. 3 out of the 4 were in Youth and Family Ministry. She served her last position for the past 7 years as the Contemporary Worship Team leader and soloist for St. Mark's Lutheran Church in No. St. Paul. During her time there, she formed a women's singing group called "Pure Light" who performed in churches locally. She is currently working "long distance" on what she likes to call her "labor of love" which is a musical based on the life of Sarah... (as in Sarah and Abraham.) When finished, this will be a multi-generational show that can be performed in a church setting.

Diane is excited and feels so blessed to be a part of the staff at FCLC. She feels that the energy, joy and sense of community that resides in the walls of this church are contagious and definitely the work of the spirit of Christ.

(As of publication date, Dawn's Bio was unavailable -- So, go up to her and say hello!)

### **ATTENTION ALL CHOIR MEMBERS AND WORSHIP TEAM FOLKS!!!**

Are you not getting as involved in our music program because you need coverage for your little cute ones at home? Well have no fear, your prayers have been answered! Starting new this fall we will be able to make your rehearsal much more family friendly! Children under the age of 5 will have supervised care in the nursery while children between the ages of 5 and 10 will have supervised fun and activities (including "homework time") in the fellowship hall. Supervising both of these will be the Fantabulous, Amazing and Most Cool Teenaged Saints of FCLC!!! These services are being provided to you at the low cost of \$3 per child. BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE! If you act now, and give Diane Sell the "Heads up" that you will utilize this service, we will throw in extra prayers and admiration just for you, and NO EXTRA COST!!!



### **HEY! What's that "ORGAN" doing in our sanctuary!?**

We rejoice in the new organ that was recently donated to our church. Several of us from the Worship & Music Committee recently went to investigate this organ. The seller was an audio engineer, who has shifted some of his business to finding, buying, refurbishing, and up-grading used Allen digital organs.

With the increasing number of weddings and funerals at our church, and along with our vision of "blended worship," we believe this organ will be a fine addition to our worship. We will not be letting go of any of the wonderful music that has shaped the character of our worship, but we do plan to ADD to what we now do. Just as our church has been blessed with all kinds of new growth, so too is our worship & music repertoire growing!

### **Calling all SOUND GEEK WANNABE'S**

Do you need something to do with your hands during church? Do you find yourself fidgeting with your fingers? We've got the answer. Become a member of the Sound and Recording Ministry. With as little as 2 hours a month, you can play a vital role in the worship experience. No experience necessary. On the job training. The pay is not much but the reward and benefits are eternal. For more information, contact Jay Harper (303) 684-0550.





## Lutheran Family Services of Colorado

**The 12th annual Lutheran Family Services (LFS) Golf Tournament** will take place Monday, September 12, at Arrowhead Golf Course in Littleton, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$150 per player and includes continental breakfast, 18 holes and an awards luncheon. Great prizes are available for winning four-some, longest drive, closest to the pin and other contests. Proceeds benefit LFS programs including crisis pregnancy counseling, adoption services, foster care for abused and/or neglected children, refugee resettlement and care management solutions for older adults. To register, please call Michelle at 303-217-5860.

Could you help give someone a break? One aspect of the Care Management Solutions program at LFS is the African American Caregiver Support program, for family caregivers of older adults. Because of increased demand, federal grant funds are proving to be inadequate for paying respite providers so that the family member can attend our weekly support group. This group has become invaluable to individuals who are committed to providing care, but need support and a break now and then from their loved one. All of your donation will go directly to the fund that pays for that care, and will indirectly benefit a single family caregiver who faces the unique challenge of serving an older adult day in and day out. In order to donate specifically to this project write "Senior - Respite Care" in the memo line of your check. Donations can be sent directly to 363 S. Harlan Street, Suite 200, Denver, CO 80210. For more information contact Luci Draayer at 1-800-579-9496 or [luci.draayer@lfsco.org](mailto:luci.draayer@lfsco.org)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PLAN AN EVENING OF ELEGANCE AND PURPOSE.** Lutheran Family Services (LFS) is looking for volunteers to help plan the 12th annual LFS benefit gala. This fundraising event benefits LFS programs including pregnancy counseling, adoption services, foster care for abused and/or neglected children, refugee and asylee resettlement, and care management solutions for older adults. The planning committee meets for a few hours each month to plan location, menu, entertainment, silent auction and program. Previous venues include Ocean Journey, the Wildlife Experience, Denver Museum of Nature and Science and others. If you enjoy planning events and would like to help Colorado children and families, please contact Michelle at 303-217-5860.

**Help with International Adoptions** Did you know that Lutheran Family Services of Colorado places children for adoption from a dozen or more countries? If you are interested in international adoption call LFS at 303.922-3433 or 1-800-579-9496 and ask the receptionist to connect you with an adoption counselor.

**Don't go through this alone** Are you or someone you know going through an unexpected pregnancy. Counselors at Lutheran Family Services are available to help you explore what is best for you and your unborn child. Call LFS at 303.922-3433 or the Pregnancy Counseling Emergency number at 1-877-270-2193. Pregnant? In your heart, you want to make the best decision for you and your baby. We can help. Counselors at Lutheran Family Services are available to help at 303.922.3433 or call the Pregnancy Counseling Emergency number at 1-877-270-2193.

Please consider donating to the Refugee & Asylee Program at Lutheran Family Services LFS provides the supplies and basic needs of a family in their first apartment. We are always in need of assistance to furnish the appropriate items for a family. Below we provided a list of basic necessities that are always in demand. The starred items are currently the most critical.

\*Clean mattresses/box springs (no king size) Pillows (new or mildly used) Pillow cases Blankets Pots/pans Shampoo Towels Cleaning supplies Kitchen tables and chairs Couches Dressers Baby cribs Business professional or business casual men's clothing (small to medium size), Newborn clothes and diapers.

To donate, please contact Sidney Guy at 303-217-5189 or [Sidney.guy@lfsco.org](mailto:Sidney.guy@lfsco.org) More information on our programs can be found at [www.lfsco.org](http://www.lfsco.org)

For Ft. Collins

The 13th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Dinner (Opening Doors for Children) Wednesday, October 20th Lincoln Center Canyon West Ballroom: 417 W. Magnolia, ft. Collins 80521

### You are invited to support the Twelfth Annual Lutheran Family Services Innkeeper Dinner

Tuesday, September 27, 2005 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wyndham Hotel Colorado Springs, Colorado

Cost: \$30

presented by Friends of Lutheran Family Services-Southern Colorado An Evening of Fellowship, Fun, and Understanding Lively International Entertainment "Basket Bazaar" at the Silent Auction

"Opening Doors to Refugees"

with Featured Speaker: Barbara Day, Former Vice President for Resettlement Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS)

Contact: Lynn Peterson 719-635-228

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Lutheran Family Services/Refugee and Asylee Programs assists refugees who come to Colorado Springs, because of persecution due to religion, political affiliation, ethnic background or belonging to a certain group. One of the greatest needs is for assistance from churches and organizations to co-sponsor with our agency. If your church or another organization you know of would be interested in helping and would like more information, please call Vanda Franowicz at 719 314 0223.

### What are Grocery Certificates at FCLC?



Budget your family's grocery bill by buying King Soopers and Safeway Certificates. There is no fee or out of pocket expense to you, except the actual dollar value. Think of them as buying traveler's checks at FCLC to then be used at the

store to buy your groceries. By budgeting and buying grocery certificates at FCLC you are supporting FCLC ministries.

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## NURSERY REMINDERS!!!

- Please pick up your child promptly after worship service ends. The volunteers need to be able to leave promptly after their hour of service ends.
- Please remember to fill out the sign in sheet when you drop your child off. Also, when you volunteer, be aware of the allergy column on the sheet. We do have children with severe food allergies in the congregation.
- Please bring a sippy cup or bottle with your child to the nursery. We have tape to label your child's drink.
- Thanks SO very much to all of you who donate items to the nursery. Without your help, the nursery couldn't exist!
- Please don't forget that WE ARE STAFFED SOLELY BY VOLUNTEERS!! If your child uses the nursery, please help us out! I usually only ask one hour of service every other month. **WE NEED YOU!** Call me or email me to sign up.

Call me or email me if you have questions!!! Thank you so much for using the nursery!!

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## Christian Radio Stations



**91.1 FM KLOVE**  
**Christian Contemporary**



**94.7 FM KRKS**  
**Christian Rock**



**910 KPOF AM**  
**Easy Listening**  
**Christian Contemporary**



**WAY-FM 89.7**

## Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them.. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

"When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?!"



## Mission Verse:

God's Spirit is on me:  
He chose me to preach the  
Message of Good News to the  
poor, Sent me to announce  
pardon of prisoners and  
recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set the burdened and  
battered free, to announce,  
"This is God's year to act!"

Luke 4:18-19

## Our Vision:

In each of us burns a flame  
so we gather in faith and  
hope to reach out in love.



## Our Core Values:

To "Reach Out in Love"  
as a church that is:

- \* Bible Centered
- \* Prayer Centered
- \* Blend of Inspirational  
Worship
- \* Kid Friendly
- \* Visitor Friendly
- \* Model of the Priesthood of  
Believers
- \* Model of First Fruits Giving  
(to various outreach projects)

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